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Requirements on North Korean Trade

The Trade Branch is responsible for intelligence on the international trade and finance of North Korea, including estimates of total value, distribution, and commodity composition of trade; estimates of the foreign exchange position; analysis of international financial transactions; and analysis of aid and grant programs to North Korea from other Bloc nations.

The Branch accordingly, requires information on the following subjects:

A. Trade

1. Trade organizations, government and private; important trade personages.
2. Trade methods and procedures.
3. Trade regulations and controls.
4. Trade policies.
5. Trade statistics; total imports and exports by countries and commodities, tonnage and value of trade. (Do not send trade statistics of Free World countries.)

B. International Financial and Non-commodity Transactions

1. Loans and credits.
2. International banking transactions.
3. Remittances.
4. Foreign exchange transactions.
5. Foreign exchange rates.
6. Gold reserves and shipments; silver reserves and shipments.
7. Foreign exchange reserves.
8. Financial organizations, government and private; important personages. (Do not send information on domestic (internal) financial organizations.)
9. Payment procedures.
10. Financial policies (international).

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C. Economic Agreements

1. Trade and payment agreements with all countries.
2. Economic and technical assistance agreements.
3. Information on implementation of all economic agreements.

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